

Staunton Area LHRC

Minutes

July 28, 2021 @ 10:30 am

Rm B1031, Western State Hospital

103 Valley Drive, Staunton, Va. 22401

MEMBERS PRESENT

Renee Hall – Chairperson

Doug Cochran – Member

Eva Wilson – Member

Members Absent

Dr. David Paulk – Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Rotenberry, Facility Manager, DBHDS

Maynard C. Ritchie – Human Rights Advocate, Western State Hospital, CCCA.

Gail Burford – Western State Hospital

Britnay Abshire- Western State Hospital

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hall called the meeting to order at 10:46am

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance make introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Cochran motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hall made a motion to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes. Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Individual #1 made a suggestion to start an “honors” ward, for those individuals that do exceptionally well. Committee informed the individual his request would be pass on to the director for consideration.

Individual #1 made a comment he was being held here at the hospital longer than necessary. Committee thanked him for his comment, and informed him they could not be of assistance in his discharge.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from the Chair.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Advocate Ritchie reported that due to an increased rate of restriction reviews, BTP’s, and other LHRC business it may be necessary for committee to consider an increase of meetings from quarterly to bi-monthly to stay in compliance with regulations. Committee did not endorse this idea, and conversation ensued as to how to raise membership to accommodate the high level of business.

OLD BUSINESS:

“None.”

NEW BUSINESS

SALHRC reviewed three Behavior Treatment Plans, and One request for an AR appointment. All were discussed in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Cochran the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code

§2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of treatment plans.

- Based on discussion of the need of the restrictive plan, it was recommended to approve the continuation of the restrictive plan for Individual #1.
- Based on discussion of the need of the Behavior Treatment Plan, it was recommended to approve implementation of the Behavior Treatment Plan for Individual #3.
- Based on discussion of the need of the restrictive plan, it was recommended to approve the continuation of the Behavior Treatment Plan for individual # 2.
- Based on discussion of the need of an Authorized Representative, it recommended to approve the implementation of an Authorized Representative for Individual # 5.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely to review an Individual's restrictive plan.

Ms. Hall made a motion, and Mr. Cochran seconded, to implement the recommendations as made during closed session. Unanimous approval by all members present.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next meeting will be held Oct 6, 2021 at Western State Hospital 103 Valley Drive Staunton, Virginia Rm B1031. There was no additional business. Ms. Hall adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm.